

April 10, 2008

Ms. Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
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Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Ms. Nichols:

We are extremely proud that our State Legislature has had the foresight to tackle such a big issue such as Global Warming and that our Governor had the right vision and signed AB32 into law, helping protect our environment and the communities we serve. We know that the easy part of AB32 is over and now the difficult portion begins as you and your agency are tasked with identifying the appropriate ways to reach the reduction goals set forth by AB32. We applaud and support your efforts in implementing this complex policy, but are concerned about what the costs associated with the implementation might be for our communities.

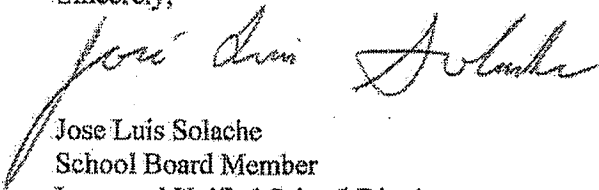
I understand that in order to reach the established reduction goals, the first sources you would pursue would be those that provide us our electricity, gas, diesel, and natural gas. It makes sense that these sources be tagged first, but I wonder what these large utilities might do if they are faced with costly mandated implementation deadlines and how that might affect our communities.

I would respectfully request that the Air Resources Board conduct a detailed analysis of the proposed implementation methods to help us determine how much higher our energy costs for electricity, natural gas, gasoline and diesel would be. As you are aware, our districts are facing very difficult times right now with the Budget crisis, which may require us to adjust and/or cut some of the services we offer. If AB 32 increases our energy costs to operate our fleets and facilities this could mean cutting vital services that would affect our students and parents. If there is a way to ensure that the large utilities won't increase our costs because of these mandates or if a method exists that can help reduce the greenhouse gases emitted into our environment and curb Global Warming, but affect our already strapped budgets less, we would consider that a viable option for our communities.

I urge you and your agency to please keep our communities in mind when making your selection and plead that you take the time to research the costs involved with either implementation method and choose an option that will help curb Global Warming but not affect the well being of our communities.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,



Jose Luis Solache
School Board Member
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